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## Returns After Lapse Of Forty Four Years To Seek Lost Gold Mine

### STRANGE STORY OF GEORGE A. MIDDLETON

On a frenzied search for a ledge of gold in the hills to the northeast of Paradise Valley, the general location of which was given to him by a friend over forty years ago, and the exact location of which has been divulged to him in his sleeping hours over and over again, is the strange case of George Alexander Middleton, a pioneer of Humboldt county since the days of '63 and the founder of the well-known way station at Willow Point.

The history of this golden ledge in its relation to Mr. Middleton, who is now an old and feeble man, well along in years, past three score and ten, is of intense and absorbing interest. He dates from the days of a sod house on the banks of the Humboldt near the present bridge, when Indian depredations were of frequent occurrence, and the people then living in the county were settled in close communities for protection. For it was in those days that a traveler from Idaho, weary and worn with his long journey, straggled into Willow Point and presented to Mr. Middleton a piece of gold quartz of exceedingly rich value, and explained to him that a ledge of that quartz lay in the hills to the east of Martin creek; that his wagon had broken down within a few feet of the ledge and that he, being pursued by Indians, had left the country hurriedly and that nothing could tempt him to return. Mr. Middleton pulverized the small piece of rock and extracted from it a quantity of gold which he afterwards sold to a United States soldier for \$10.

The tale continues: Fifteen years ago, Middleton, upon the occasion of a visit to Spring City, where was the

busy mining camp, told his story to J. D. McCurdy, the silver king of Paradise in a day gone by. McCurdy took part in the story and when Middleton met with a prospecting outfit and after struck across over the hills to find the remnants of the wagon which had been abandoned there by previous. He found the wagon but a diligent search failed to discover the golden ledge.

The story might end here and pass away forgotten were it not for the fact that in recent years the exact location of the ledge has been divulged to Middleton in his sleep, time and time over again. The contour of the surrounding hills, the exact position of the ruins of the wagon, and most important the position, the character and the dip of the ledge, have all been revealed to him so constantly that the picture is irrefragably impressed upon his mind. A recent incident is that his distant are realities, that he has come from the east back to the scenes of his young manhood to renew the search for the lost ledge.

Mr. Middleton does not tell his strange story to every man. Only upon close questioning was it secured for the Silver State. The old man talks not like one in delirium. The conviction that when he gets to the place he will be able to locate the ledge impresses one. Though as he states, not being a man of any considerable means, yet he would stake all he has in the world that he is running down a real and genuine clue.

He departed for Paradise Valley by the morning's stage and probably ere this is now in the hills east of Martin creek looking for the ledge of gold.

#### PERSONAL MENTION

County Commissioner W. C. Ruddell is up from Lovelock.

F. A. Roberts left Saturday for California on his summer vacation.

Miss Georgia Summerfield of Tonopah, is visiting in Winnemucca.

Henry Elliott and wife were departures on No. 6 for Golconda, where Mr. Elliott will take charge of the E. Reinhart & Co. store.

Joe Moura of Squaw Valley is quite ill at the Winnemucca sanitarium with typhoid fever.

James Thornton of Unionville arrived in Winnemucca this morning. He has some valuable claims in the vicinity of Unionville.

Today the assessor turned into the county treasurer the following moneys for the month of July: Tax on personal property, \$642.81. Poll tax, \$372.

A. W. Cook, the well known horse

buyer, has returned from Los Angeles where he disposed of 300 head of horses at a good figure. Mr. Cook will soon make another extensive purchase of horses.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vargas is ill at the Winnemucca Sanitarium with typhoid fever.

Ed Staunton drove in a bunch of sixty-five horses belonging to the firm of Abel & Staunton. The horses were in pasture at the Godeaux ranch at Willow Point. They were brought to Winnemucca for shipment to California.

The Winnemucca-Paradise freight team arrived last night.

#### Headquarters for Experts and Mining Men.

Ores from all over Humboldt county on exhibition. Information regarding the different sections of this county courteously given free. I have a few jokers laid aside that later on will be surprises. F. C. Robins & Co. a5w2

## COUNTY DADS IN OFFICIAL SESSION

Today the county dads have been in official session going over the business which has accumulated during the month. During the forenoon routine business connected with the consideration of the regular monthly bills was transacted, among other things being the granting of the petition of Paul Seramblin to be appointed constable of Golconda township, vice John Housh who will resign as such as his successor is appointed.

For a considerable time during the afternoon and up till the time the Silver State went to press the board was in secret session, considering matter in regard to the county hospital.

It was rumored this afternoon that James Sloan, Superintendent of the hospital, contemplated resigning. When questioned by a Silver State representative Mr. Sloan neither denied nor affirmed the rumor. He stated that there were several important matters he would bring before the board, but at present he had nothing for publication.

#### Summer Diarrhoea in Children.

During the hot weather of the summer months the first unnatural looseness of a child's bowels should have immediate attention so as to check the disease before it becomes serious. All that is necessary is a few doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy followed by a dose of castor oil to cleanse the system. Rev. M. O. Stockland, pastor of the first M. E. church of Little Falls, Minn., writes: "We have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy for several years and find it a very valuable remedy, especially for summer disorders in children." Sold by Eagle Drug and Jewelry Co.

#### Buckskin Gloves.

Short wrists, gauntlets and extra gauntlets for firemen. A complete stock. See our 50c Indian tan color, as well as canvas, 2 for 25c. Ladies' gauntlet driving gloves. F. C. Robins & Co. a5w2

#### Elephant Skin Shoes.

Former price \$5, now \$4 for the next ten days. Not many pair left, so waltz in. F. C. Robins & Co. a5w2

#### Why Fret and Worry

When your child has a severe cold you need not fear pneumonia or other pulmonary diseases. Keep supplied with Ballard's Horehound Syrup—a positive cure for colds, coughs, whooping cough and bronchitis. Mrs. Hall, Sioux Falls, S. D., writes: "I have used your wonderful Ballard's Horehound Syrup on my children for five years. Its results have been wonderful." Sold by Eagle Drug and Jewelry Co.

#### Boys' and Young Men's

Straw hats, 50 per cent off former prices. F. C. Robins & Co. a5w2

#### Hold Meeting.

The Ladies' Furnishing Society held a meeting this afternoon and completed arrangements for the musical Saturday evening. A full attendance was present and a number of matters were discussed concerning the musical.

Tooth washes, etc. Come and see what we have in these lines. F. C. Robins & Co. a5w2

#### Stomach Troubles and Constipation

No one can reasonably hope for good digestion when the bowels are constipated. Mr. Charles Baldwin, of Edwardsville, Ill., says: "I suffered from chronic constipation and stomach troubles for several years, but thanks to Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets am almost cured." Why not get a package of these tablets and get well and stay well. Price 25 cents. For sale by Eagle Drug and Jewelry Co.

#### Ladies' White Outside Skirts.

A few left at half price. F. C. Robins & Co. a5w2

Engineers' Bib Overalls and Coats, 75 cents each. Early bargains on hand. F. C. Robins & Co. a5w2

## A. W. Ellis, Original Locator Of Dyke Is In Winnemucca

### Says Many Others Have Rich Claims

A. W. Ellis, famed through the entire state as the discoverer of the great gold center at Dyke, arrived in Winnemucca last night for supplies for the camp. Mr. Ellis came to Winnemucca not as a stranger and many among the business men of the town grasped his hand in friendly meeting. Up there in the north he has discovered what is destined to be of great benefit to all interested in the welfare of Humboldt county. He has proved, also, that the large deposits of gold do not all lie in the southern part of the state, and that the country formation about Dyke being the same as the general country formation of the county, more deposits of that character which has been discovered at Dyke may logically be found to exist here.

Mr. Ellis is not one of the ubiquitous mining men who suddenly, becoming possessed of a great fortune become almost obnoxious to all with whom they come in contact. He is not new to the mining business and the sudden accumulation of a mighty fortune is not to him an unknown circumstance.

When interviewed by a representative of the Silver State he stated: "Well, you've printed about all there

is to tell about the camp."

Mr. Ellis states that he will begin active operations on a large scale as soon as he can secure miners. He is even the sacking of ore by himself and his partner has been handicapped by their inability to secure sufficient ore sacks. A shipment will be made as soon as it can be sacked. Many others besides Mr. Ellis and Mr. Jackson have claims from which they will realize a fortune. Hundreds of men are roaming the hills in the vicinity and strikes are of daily occurrence. But a couple of days ago A. Stevens struck a lead to the south-east of Ellis and Jackson, and upon following it up uncovered a ledge which gives promise of rivaling the original location.

Last evening W. J. Bell, who made an inspection trip out to Dyke, panned some of the samples which he brought in with him. To the excited bystanders there appeared a large string of gold with many small nuggets at its base. The future of Dyke is beyond question. Those who have viewed the proposition with skepticism must now experience a change of sentiment or be numbered with the moss backs.

#### Advertised Letters.

The following letters are advertised at the local postoffice:

Chris Davis, H. S. Lyon, L. L. Lang, Joe Partan, Johnny Black (Indian), Walter Kramer, Louis Larriviere.

Professor Harry Baldwin is in town making arrangements for a ball game and parachute drop to be given here next Sunday, August 12. Mr. Baldwin is well known in the aeronotic world and it is to be hoped that the citizens will subscribe freely towards it. He will ascend to the clouds hanging by his toes.

#### Arrival of Trains at Winnemucca.

West Bound—No. 3, 6:25 p. m.; No. 5, 12:20 a. m.; No. 1, 3:30 a. m.; No. 9, 12:45 a. m.

East Bound—No. 6, 4:50 p. m.; No. 2, 3:27 a. m.; No. 4, 5:05 a. m.; No. 10, 9:05 a. m.

#### Children in Pain.

Never cry as do children who are suffering from hunger. Such is the cause of all babies who cry and are treated for sickness, when they really are suffering from hunger. This is caused from their food not being assimilated but devoured by worms. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge will cause them to cease crying and begin to thrive at once. Give it a trial. Sold by Eagle Drug and Jewelry Co.

#### In Great Demand.

The demand for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy here has been so great that I have scarcely been able to keep it in stock. It has cured cases of dysentery here when all other remedies failed.—Frank Jones, Pikeville, Ind. This remedy is for sale by Eagle Drug and Jewelry Co.

#### ABenefit Social.

The Ladies' Furnishing Society have arranged for a musicale to be given in Silver State hall on Saturday evening, the 11th inst., at 8 o'clock. The benefit is for a good cause and all citizens should endeavor to liquidate the debt hanging over the M. E. church. Rev. Smith is a grand pastor; He has made a fine citizen and his family are an accession to our community, and we will try to hand him all that is due him with the good hearts of our fellow citizens. Admission to the musicale will be fifty cents; children under the age of thirteen admitted free. Ice cream and will be served by young ladies in a dainty manner for twenty-five cents. The musical programme will be one of the finest ever given here. Recitations will be given by exceptional talent. Every business house has assisted the committee in charge by donating materials and all printing.

#### Want More Money.

A telephone message received from Paradise Valley today at noon by Commissioner W. E. Townsend stated that the ranchers were experiencing some trouble with hay hands. The latter were quitting work and demanding higher wages. No serious trouble had occurred yet but some of the ranchers in the upper end have been left in the lurch by the hands suddenly knocking off. It is expected that a reconciliation will soon be effected.

#### Paint.

Are you going to paint your house, fence or anything else? If so, wake up and get our prices on white lead in 1, 2 1-2, 5, 12 1-2, 25, 50 and 100 pound kegs. F. C. Robins & Co. a5w2

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